

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of performing a cell update during a reconfiguration procedure in a user equipment, the user equipment configured for use in a communications system, the method comprising:

receiving, at the user equipment, a reconfiguration command from the communications system, the reconfiguration command including an activation time identifying a delay of application of a reconfiguration until the activation time has been reached;

before the reconfiguration has been applied, detecting, at the user equipment, a trigger event which indicates that a cell update is required; and

delaying initiation of the cell update until the reconfiguration has been applied.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Amended) A method of handling a cell update during a reconfiguration procedure in a user equipment, the user equipment configured for use in a communications system, the method comprising:

receiving, at the user equipment, a reconfiguration command from the communications system, the reconfiguration command including an activation time identifying a delay of application of reconfiguration until the activation time has been reached;

before the reconfiguration has been applied, detecting, at the user equipment, a trigger event which indicates that a cell update is required; and
suppressing the cell update depending on the trigger event.

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 3, wherein the user equipment is configured to communicate with a UTRAN in a UMTS communications system, comprising suppressing the cell update depending on the relevance of the trigger event to the UTRAN after reconfiguration.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 4, comprising suppressing the cell update when the trigger event comprises a radio link failure.

6. (Currently Amended) User equipment for performing a cell update during a reconfiguration procedure, the user equipment configured for use in a communications system, the user equipment comprising:

a receiver for receiving, at the user equipment, a reconfiguration command from the communications system, the reconfiguration command including an activation time

identifying a delay of application of a reconfiguration until the activation time has been reached;

an event detector for detecting, at the user equipment, a trigger event which indicates that a cell update is required; and

a controller operable when the trigger event is detected before the reconfiguration has been applied for delaying initiation of the cell update until the reconfiguration has been applied.

7. (Original) User equipment according to claim 6, further comprising a timer arranged to cooperate with the controller for delaying initiation of the cell update.

8. (Currently Amended) User equipment for handling a cell update during a reconfiguration procedure, the user equipment configured for use in a communications system, the user equipment comprising:

a receiver for receiving, at the user equipment, a reconfiguration command from the communications system, the reconfiguration command including an activation time identifying a delay of application of a reconfiguration until the activation time has been reached;

an event detector for detecting, at the user equipment, a trigger event which indicates that a cell update is required; and

a controller operable when the trigger event is detected before the reconfiguration has been applied for suppressing the cell update in dependence on the trigger event.

9. (Original) User equipment according to claim 8, wherein the user equipment is configured to communicate with a UTRAN in a UMTS communications system, and wherein the controller is arranged to suppress the cell update depending on the relevance of the trigger event to the UTRAN after reconfiguration.

10. (Original) User equipment according to claim 9, wherein the controller is arranged to suppress the cell update when the trigger event comprises a radio link failure.